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SUBJ: IRANIAN REACTION TO KILLING OF U.S. COLONELS

REFS: A) TEHRAN 4758 ?) TEHRAN 4788 C) TEHRAN 4810

D) TEHRAN 4811

1. LOCAL FARSI AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO MAY 21 KILLINGS OF COLONELS SHAFFER AND TURNER. BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS ACCORDED FRONT PAGE HEADLINE ARTICLES TO THE INCIDENT. PAPERS REPORTED FACTS OF SLAYINGS AS STATED REF (A) AND STRESSED FIRM IRANIAN INTENTION TO BRING THE MURDERERS TO JUSTICE. TEHRAN JOURNAL INCLUDED TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA'S LETTER OF CONDOLENCE (REF C) WHILE KAYHAN ADDED STATEMENTS OF REGRET BY PRESIDENT FORD, DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IRNIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ARDESHIR ZAHEDI.

2. BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES CARRIED LEAD EDITORIALS

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WHICH DEPLORED THE KILLINGS AS SENSELESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE

DIRECTED AGAINST FOREIGN GUESTS WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF IRAN AND STRESSED THAT VIOLENCE IS NO SOLUTION TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS. BOTH EDITORIALS AND REPORTS OF AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI'S STATEMENT TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE SLAYING OF COLONELS SHAFFER AND TURNER GIVE THE LIE TO THE FOREIGN LIBERALS WHO SUPPORT GREATER LENIENCY FOR IRANIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS. PRESS ARGUES THAT THIS INCIDENT PROVES THAT SO-CALLED POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE ACUTALLY COMMON CRIMINALS WHO SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE HARSHEST MANNER.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION SINCE MAY 21. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE FROM VARIOUS IRANIAN AND THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES, INCLUDING TELEPHONE CALL FROM RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO CCHARGE.

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